

All Regional Engineers

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Special Provision for Planting Woody Plants

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This special provision was created by District 1, the Central Bureau of Construction, and the Central Bureau of Design & Environment to address inconsistencies that exist in payment for planting woody plants while also recognizing the Department no longer holds retainage on contracts.

This special provision should be inserted in all contracts involving the planting of woody plants.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the January 20, 2006 and subsequent lettings. The Project Development and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory September 30, 2005.

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PLANTING WOODY PLANTS (BDE)

Effective: January 1, 2006

Revise the first and second paragraphs of Article 253.14 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“253.14 Period of Establishment. Prior to being accepted, the plants shall endure a period of establishment. This period shall begin in June and end in September of the same year. To qualify for inspection, plants shall have been in place, in a live healthy condition, on or before June 1 of the year of inspection. To be acceptable, plants shall be in a live healthy condition, representative of their species, at the time of inspection in the month of September.

When the planting work is performed by a subcontractor, this delay in inspection and acceptance of plants shall not delay acceptance of the entire project and final payment due if the Contractor requires and receives from the subcontractor a third party performance bond naming the Department as obligee in the full amount of the planting quantities listed in the contract, multiplied by their contract unit prices. The bond shall be executed prior to acceptance and final payment of the non-planting items and shall be in full force and effect until final inspection and acceptance of all plants including replacements. Execution of the third party bond shall be the option of the prime Contractor.”

Revise Article 253.16 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“253.16 Method of Measurement. This work will be measured for final payment, in place, after the period of establishment. Trees, shrubs, and vines will be measured as each individual plant. Seedlings will be measured in units of 100 plants.”

Revise Article 253.17 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“253.17 Basis of Payment. This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per each for TREES, SHRUBS, and VINES, of the species, root type, and plant size specified; and per unit for SEEDLINGS. Payment will be made according to the following schedule.

(a) Initial Payment. Upon planting, 75 percent of the pay item(s) will be paid.

(b) Final Payment. Upon inspection and acceptance of the plant material, or upon execution of a third party bond, the remaining 25 percent of the pay item(s) will be paid.”